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IMMIGRATION COURT
450 MAIN ST., ROOM 509
HARTFORD, CT 06103-3015

(EXHIBIT L2)

In the Matter of

Case No.: A95-461-653

SITCHA, RICHARD
Respondent

IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS

ORDER OF THE IMMIGRATION JUDGE

This is a summary of the oral decision entered on Sep 18, 2003. This memorandum is solely for the convenience of the parties. If the proceedings should be appealed or reopened, the oral decision will become the official opinion in the case.

☒ The respondent was ordered removed from the United States to Cameron or in the alternative to

☐ Respondent's application for voluntary departure was denied and respondent was ordered removed to alternative to

☐ Respondent's application for voluntary departure was granted until upon posting a bond in the amount of \$ _____ with an alternate order of removal to

☒ Respondent's application for asylum was () granted (☒) denied () withdrawn.

☒ Respondent's application for withholding of removal was () granted (☒) denied () withdrawn.

☐ Respondent's application for cancellation of removal under section 240A(a) was () granted () denied () withdrawn.

☐ Respondent's application for cancellation of removal was () granted under section 240A(b)(1) () granted under section 240A(b)(2) () denied () withdrawn. If granted, it was ordered that the respondent be issued all appropriate documents necessary to give effect to this order.

☐ Respondent's application for a waiver under section _____ of the INA was () granted () denied () withdrawn or () other.

☐ Respondent's application for adjustment of status under section _____ of the INA was () granted () denied () withdrawn. If granted, it was ordered that respondent be issued all appropriate documents necessary to give effect to this order.

☐ Respondent's status was rescinded under section 246.

☐ Respondent is admitted to the United States as a _____ until _____.

☐ As a condition of admission, respondent is to post _____ bond.

☐ Respondent knowingly filed a frivolous asylum application after proper notice.

☐ Respondent was advised of the limitation on discretionary relief for failure to appear as ordered in the Immigration Judge's oral decision.

☐ Proceedings were terminated.

☒ Other: AT withholding of removal denied

Date: Sep 18, 2003

Appeal: Waived/Reserved

Appeal Due By:

MICHAEL W. STRAUS
Immigration Judge

By respondent Oct. 20, 2003

ALIEN NUMBER: 95-461-653

ALIEN NAME: STEPHEN, RICHARD

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

THIS DOCUMENT WAS SERVED BY: MAIL (M) PERSONAL SERVICE (P)
TO: ☐ ALIEN ☐ ALIEN c/o Custodial Officer ☒ ALIEN's ATT/REP ☒ INS
DATE: 9/18/03 BY: COURT STAFF X ms
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January, 24, 2004
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
IMMIGRATION COURT
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HARTFORD, CT 06103-3015

In the Matter of:
SITCHA RICHARD

Case No.: A 95-161-653
Docket: HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

To the JUDGE OF IMMIGRATION:

We the Parishioners of Ste Anne-Immaculate Conception Church, Inc. in Hartford Connecticut, friends, and acquaintances of Richard Sitcha would like you to consider either lowering his bond of \$40,000.00 or better yet releasing him until his appeal is heard.

In the three years since we have known him, he has been an active member of our parish, assisting as leader, lector and cantor at our 8:30 A.M. French Mass and helping in other parish activities.

In addition, he has also been willing to share his knowledge of the African Culture. This is best demonstrated by his helping a student from Wesleyan with his thesis on Africa. Furthermore, he did a presentation on April 22, 2003 at Wesleyan University and was supposed to be doing another presentation in January of this year.

Unfortunately, because he is imprisoned, his Parish, friends, acquaintances, students, are being deprived of his presence.

We find it incomprehensible that a human being, who is seeking political asylum can be put into prison, when he has done nothing wrong.

Though we are unable to come up with the amount of the bond, we want to show our moral support. Richard is a hard worker, conscientious, eager to help whether it be by service, financial donations (even though he has limited means). We unequivocally believe that Richard presents no risk to Society, only good things happen when he is around.

Richard had to flee his country, because he revealed the truth about 9 innocent people (the Bepanda 9) who were executed by members of the Cameroon Task Force. He loves his country and only fled because his life was endangered. If a new government came into power, he would return home.

Richard came here seeking Asylum. Instead he has been put into prison with regular criminals. Richard had committed no crime in his own country, unless you consider whistleblowing a crime. Richard arrived here legally and has not committed any crime here either. Neither Richard nor we, his fellow parishioners and friends of his can understand how he can be imprisoned while awaiting his appeal. Even President Bush has requested that Immigrants who have come here even illegally and have done nothing wrong be free. While Richard arrived legally and has done nothing wrong is being held. In addition to which his bond is set higher than those given for some major crimes. It is only since the end of September that anyone was finally allowed to visit him a period of two months isolated from friends and those of us who consider him to be family. (since his real family is still in the Cameroon.

Even then, the hope that he would soon be released and his strong faith helped him survive this experience of loneliness, of confusion, and of bewilderment of a system

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that he does not completely understand.

If the Pilot program were being practiced as described in the Hartford Courant Newspaper back in September, namely that the immigrants were to be held in a special facility separate from criminals, his imprisonment while still not just, or understandable could be better tolerated. However now that more than four months have passed, with no freedom in sight, and subjected to threats by criminals who are imprisoned at the same facility, his courage has failed.

Therefore we, the Parishioners of Ste Anne-Immaculate Conception Church, his friends and acquaintances beg you to consider our request so that a greater tragedy will not result

We also ask you to consider these factors:

- A) that Richard Sitcha has been incarcerated and isolated from family and friends.
- B) that three of the Witnesses who had submitted notarized letters concerning Richard's case were fearful to corroborate their letters when questioned by phone, by someone claiming to be working for the U.S. Embassy. (He may in fact have been but since all communication was by phone, they had no way of proving it)
- C) His bond is disproportionately high, especially considering that even persons convicted of serious crimes have been granted lower bonds;
- D) Because of his incarceration he has been unable to contribute to his own defense in the preparation of his appeal, especially because he has been unable to contact people in the Cameroon who can substantiate the truth of his testimony.

Therefore we respectfully request that he be released on his own recognizance; if you do not consider this feasible, please consider lowering his bond so that we would be able to raise the necessary amount.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope that Richard will soon be in our midst again.

Requested by the following Parishioners of Saint Anne-Immaculate Conception and other friends and acquaintances of Richard Sitcha.

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